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Why "AI Legal Advice" Can Cause Some Serious Problems

Artificial Intelligence tools are everywhere, giving you near-perfect results in seconds – oftentimes for free. Many people are now turning to them for quick "legal" answers, which could actually become a costly mistake.

To put it simply: relying solely on AI for legal advice can produce flawed strategies because results don't reflect attorney ethics or licensed standards.

Knowing what and how to ask all your legal questions is crucial.

What's even more crucial? Presenting them to licensed professionals with the necessary expertise to properly offer legal guidance.

AI can often simplify answers and, like many things, we often don't know what we don't know.

Because of this, AI results may:

- Sound correct when it actually isn't
- Miss important details that could affect your decision making
- Miss distinctions where a single fact can change everything
- Disregard state-specific rules or practices
- Include legally defective content in documents

Yes, Even Lawyers Aren't Immune!



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This isn't just a client-approaching-professional issue. AI-powered tools are rapidly becoming more commonly used amongst attorneys for research and drafting to cut time. There are documented accounts where attorneys have blindly accepted AI results without verifying the results, undoubtedly reaping serious consequences.

Reuters reported that a U.S. judge sanctioned New York lawyers after they submitted a brief containing fake case citations generated by ChatGPT in [Mata v. Avianca, Inc.](#). The court imposed a monetary sanction and required additional remedial steps after the lawyers could not substantiate the cited case – the AI tool had essentially created the cited cases out of thin air.

So, What Should We Do?

If you use an AI tool to draft a document or ask questions related to a legal matter, consider it a starting point rather than the end-all be-all.

Before you act, always consult with experienced licensed professionals who can apply current laws to your specific facts, use best customs, and verify sources to achieve the best outcome.

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